

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract as follows:

--A kit and method are described for treating congestive heart failure. The kit may comprise multiple components including a shaping device, deployment tool, patch, and suture. The method may utilize one or more of these components. The method may comprise selecting a shaping device, a patch and/or a suture, where the shaping device can be selected according to an appropriate size for a patient, the patch can be selected according to an appropriate size for a patient or a size of the shaping device, and a suture can be selected according to the size of the shaping device or size of the patch.--

Please replace paragraph [0001] as follows:

--This application claims priority from the following U.S. Provisional Patent Applications each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference: Ser. No. 60/466,653, filed Apr. 29, 2003 and titled Ventricular Restoration; Ser. No. 60/485,568, filed Jul. 7, 2003 and titled Systems, Devices and Methods of Use for Treating Congestive Heart Failure (CHF); Ser. No. 60/488,292, filed Jul. 18, 2003 and titled Ventricular Sizing & Shaping Device and Method; Ser. No. 60/499,946, filed Sep. 2, 2003 and titled System and Method of Use to Employ Imaging Technology for Diagnosis, Measurement, Standardization, and Follow-up of Disease Processes and Determine Optimal Treatment; Ser. No. 60/500,762, filed Sep. 4, 2003 and titled Shaping Suture Device and Method of Use; Ser. No. 60/512,293, filed Oct. 17, 2003 and titled Less Invasive CHF Treatment--Reshaping the Heart; Ser. No. 60/518,270, filed Nov. 5, 2003 and titled Methods and Devices for Tracking Acute Myocardial Infarction; and Ser. No. 60/534,514,

filed Jan. 5, 2004 and titled Squeeze Patch. This application also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part from co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/785,486, filed Feb. 17, 2004 and titled Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use, which claims priority from and is a continuation from U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/224,659, filed Apr. 23, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7,025,776, issued Apr. 11, 2006, and titled Arteriotomy Closure Device and Techniques, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/286,269, filed Apr. 24, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method; from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/300,892, filed Jun. 25, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method; and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/302,255, filed Jun. 28, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method (Hemostatic Patch or Collar) each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. This application also claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part from co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/183,396, filed Jun. 28, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,726,696, issued Apr. 27, 2004, and titled Patches and Collars for Medical Applications and Methods of Use, which claims priority from and is a continuation-in-part from U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/127,714, filed on Apr. 23, ~~[[2002]]~~ 2001, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/286,269, filed Apr. 24, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method; from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/300,892, filed Jun. 25, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method; and from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/302,255, filed Jun. 28, 2001 and titled Percutaneous Vessel Access Closure Device and Method (Hemostatic Patch or Collar), each of which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.--

Please replace paragraph [0128] as follows:

-- In alternate embodiments, the ~~shaping~~ suture device 14 may comprise a malleable or deformable material, typically metal, or metal alloy, which is capable of non-elastic deformation. Exemplary malleable materials include stainless steel and the like. The ends of the annealed section 104 may utilize ratchets, detents, or other interlocking components to permit closure and securing.--

Please replace paragraph [0130] as follows:

-- The ~~shaping~~ suture device 14 may be treated in a variety of conventional or unconventional ways such as coating, jacketing, over molding, dipping, spraying, casting, or combinations thereof. Such layers, coatings, or other materials may be intended to provide a softer contact area, adhesives, provide a drug elution layer, or the like.--

Please replace paragraph [0142] as follows:

--Referring to FIGS. 18 and 18A, one embodiment of the inventive kit may further comprise a template device 130 for sizing the patch 12. In one embodiment, the template device comprises a handle member 132 and a template member 134. The template member 134 may be removably connected to the handle ~~[[1342]]~~ 132 such that different template members 134 can be used with one handle 132 and different handles 132 with one template member 134.--